

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 13-18 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 13 and 14 were examined in view of Applicants' September 13, 2005 Response to Election of Species.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority, and receipt of the certified priority documents filed with U.S. Application No. 09/701,971, now U.S. Patent No. 6,680,818. Applicants also thank the Examiner for considering the references submitted with the September 21, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is kindly requested to indicate acceptance of the drawings in the next Office Action.

Rejection of the claims:

Claims 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,264,126). Solely to advance prosecution of particular exemplary embodiments of the invention, Applicants have amended claims 13 and 14 to focus on their features that recite a method of manufacturing a reel. Applicants respectfully submit that these features are neither disclosed nor suggested by Shima et al. The Examiner is directed to the present specification at page 44, first full paragraph for discussion of an embodiment covered by claim 13, and page 48, starting at the last paragraph for discussion of an embodiment covered by claim 14.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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